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## MINOR MENTION.

—District court adjourned Tuesday evening until the 25th inst.

—Ike Watts is temporarily home for a visit from the feeding farm at Clarinda, Iowa.

—Painter Lemon is enhancing the appearance of the room occupied by Mrs. Huffman, the milliner.

—Harry Stuff has organized a large dancing class at Gothenburg and will visit that village twice a week.

—T. J. Foley may possibly erect two neat houses this summer on his vacant lots on west Fourth street.

—A. L. Davis, the hardware dealer, has on exhibition a cooking stove which uses kerosene as fuel, instead of gasoline.

—It is hoped the enforcement of the dog ordinance will be the means of ridding the city of a hundred or more worthless curs.

—Mrs. W. S. Dolson has been quite sick for a couple of weeks past, and yesterday her condition was considered rather serious.

—L. Trocke is mentioned as a candidate for the office of mayor, but whether with that gentleman's consent we are not informed.

—It is said passenger conductor Woodmansee will remove from Cheyenne to this city this spring if he can secure a suitable house.

—Mesdames Fonda, Hendy and Sorenson, and Miss Eunice Babbitt left this morning for a brief visit to Omaha.

—A pleasant sociable was given last night to members of the Masonic fraternity at the residence of M. H. Douglas. A very enjoyable time is reported.

—The Methodist relief store was "touched" for a quantity of provisions Tuesday night. The person who stole goods of this nature is a mighty mean thief.

—By request of the Brady Island participants the debate between themselves and the North Platte branch of the L. L. A. has been postponed for a fortnight.

—One ditch farmer who cultivated 160 acres of the fertile land west of the city is said to have cleaned up \$7,000 for his last season's work. Does irrigation farming pay?

—Ditch farmers should not neglect to plant fruit trees in liberal numbers this spring. The success of Messrs. Otten and Hersher demonstrate what can be done in this direction.

—Shoes at half price. A large assortment of good goods. Buy them quick and save half your money. OTTEN'S SHOE STORE.

—Ten months of the municipal year have passed and the grading and teaming bills for street work amount to only \$800; just about one-half the sum expended in previous years. The lumber bill is also just about fifty per cent its usual size.

—Civil Engineer Ross, who has pleasant quarters in the Grady block, is at present engaged in drawing plans for headgates for the irrigation ditches recently completed by Gas Smith, M. C. Keith and Jno. McCullough.

—It is said that A. P. Kittell, of this city, will be applicant for the position of secretary of the irrigation commission provided by the Akers' bill in case that measure is passed by the legislature. The secretary is required to be a practical civil engineer, and as such Mr. Kittell has no superior in the state, especially as regards irrigation work.

—A. L. Bechtold, who left Myrtle precinct last fall for Florida, is now located at Ocala, that state. He made the trip by team and lost three horses on the road. Probably by this time he has an idea of the timber and construction of the once notorious "Ocala platform," which is now fast falling into a state of "innocuous desuetude."

—Overshoes good and cheap at Otten's Shoe Store.

—Maj. Lester Walker has been confined to his house for a number of days past by reason of severely straining the ligaments of one of his legs while alighting from his carriage. Although the skin was not broken, yet from some reason or other a lump formed which caused him a great deal of pain, and considerable anxiety to his physician. Yesterday was his first appearance upon our streets for several days.

—It is trying on the imagination of the editor of a country newspaper these dull days, to find something to fill up the columns of his paper from which the announcements of cheap bargains by the business men of the town have vanished. When the compositors come in and tell him it will take a half column of locals yet to close the local page, and not an item in sight, he longs for something to turn up quick that will make wadding for that empty half column—and that is the reason for this stuff.

—Dr. E. B. Warner has been confined to the house for a couple of days with a threatened attack of la grippe.

—The society dance last night at the opera house was largely attended and those present report a "bang up" time.

—Quite a goodly number of wild geese are now passing northward, which affords a limited amount of sport to our Nimrods.

—Some fellow who has recently lost a valuable pointer will find his purring cold in death upon a vacant lot in the west part of town.

—S. K. Ross, who is now, we believe, railroading on the Missouri Pacific, contemplates erecting a house on his vacant lots on west Sixth street this summer.

—Up to date there has not been sufficient snow this month to permit of sowing grass seed thereon, although weather observer Piercy still wears a confident smile, like he had not lost all hope.

—This week our local coal dealers began selling fuel upon the new scale of prices allowed by the company until July 1st. It is quite a little saving to the average housekeeper.

—L. A. Fort received yesterday from Arizona a sack of the sixty day corn which is especially adapted for dry climates. This corn will be put up in small packages and distributed among the farmers.

—Policeman Sawyer "ran in" a fellow Wednesday who had a new pair of fine slippers which he was offering for sale. He refused to tell where or how he came in possession of them, and he will be held for identification.

—J. W. Campbell, who has been running a cigar factory in McDonald's block for several weeks, skipped out Wednesday night taking with him considerable stock on which R. A. Douglas held a mortgage.

—Several of the juveniles in this city are training canines as draught animals. From the amount of noise made, and often times profanity, these creatures must be worse to break than the most vicious broncho.

—The Ladies' aid society of the Presbyterian church have agreed to contribute \$25 in quarterly installments during the coming year for the support of the local Y. M. C. A. This is an example that could be profitably followed by other ladies' auxiliaries of the various churches.

—Fred Perrett recently received a letter from the Agricultural department at Washington wherein it was stated that that department did not recommend sacaline as a forage plant. As ex-Governor Boyd once said the secretary of agriculture is noted for his eccentric notions, and because the latter does not approve of a thing is insufficient evidence that it is valueless.

—The probabilities are that should Lincoln county attempt to vote \$50,000 in bonds for the purchase of seed grain and feed this spring, considerable opposition will develop. A private letter from Lincoln says that the attorney-general is preparing an opinion upon the constitutionality of the statute according to counties the privilege of voting bonds of the above character. At a meeting of the farmers of York county last week it was decided to vote no bonds for this purpose in that county.

—Three carloads of flour, wheat and provisions arrived last night in this city from the state of Washington for the relief of the needy in this vicinity. As an idea of the amount of flour which is being issued by the committee a gentleman who is in a position to know says that an average of about 3600 pounds in daily being given out. This is figured upon a basis of 600 families, each member of which requires a pound a day. It is a question whether there are that many families in Lincoln county who are actually in need to this extent.

—Yesterday the three schools in the First ward school house met in the principal's room, to hold exercises in memory of George Washington. Each scholar was decked with a small flag and carried one, and were drilled to perfection in Balch's flag salute. The scholars exemplified Washington's character in beautiful and truthful sentiments which were spoken in very distinct voice, and elicited the greatest praise. Those who sang "Old Glory" kept two flags waving. In all their drills and movements there was not a break. They all took a great interest in the exercises and deserve great praise. There were several visitors at the school. The three accomplished young teachers, Miss Bertha Thoelecke, Miss Eunice Babbitt and Miss Grace Duncan, deserve the thanks of this community for their untiring efforts and patience in bringing the scholars to such perfection in their exercises.

## Winking at a Blind Horse . . .

is a very unsatisfactory way of conveying information to the animal, yet it is similar to the methods of the fellow who tries to do business without advertising.

## CLINTON, THE JEWELER, . . .

does not believe in such obsolete ideas but utilizes this space to inform the public that he has the largest and best stock of goods in his line in the city.

## HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of High school for the month ending Feb. 8th, 1895:  
Total enrollment to date, 130.  
Enrollment for the month, 121.  
Average daily attendance, 107.  
Cases of tardiness, 44.  
Number neither tardy nor absent, 45.

The following named pupils have won the rank of first honor by good deportment and excellent class recitations: Mabel McNamara, Frances McNamara, Gertrude Friend, Gertrude Grady, Minnie Sorenson, Jessie Pratt, Eva Fawick, Gerta Hine, Chas. McNamara, Ralph Ray, Henry Peterson, Lena Crabtree, Arta Kocken, Blanche McNamara, Jessie Blankenburg, Ivy Broach and Nellie Stebbins.

## Sunday Dinner at Hotel Neville

FEBRUARY 24, 1895.

Oysters, New York Courts.

Celery.

Consomme de Imperial.

Boiled Ox Tongue with Tartar Sauce.

ENTREES.

Pate Deveau of Calves' Brains, au Maderia.

Fillet of Beef, au Champignon.

Peach Fritters. Chocolate Sauce. Lobsters.

Aspic Jelly. Head Cheese.

ROASTS.

Sirloin of Beef, au Jus.

Young Turkey with Cranberry Sauce.

Loins of Pork with Sweet Potatoes.

VEGETABLES.

Boiled and Mashed Potatoes. Sugar Corn.

Lima Beans.

PASTRY.

Apple. Mince. Lemon.

Plum Pudding with Brandy Sauce.

Vanilla Ice Cream. Assorted Cake. Fruits.

Nuts. Raisins. Edam Cheese.

Tea. Coffee. Chocolate. Milk.

—These two lines cleverly fill this column to standard length.

W. H. Lezier and family leave to-night for Denver to make that city their future home.

—The robin redbreast and some other migratory birds put in an appearance yesterday morning.

—Gas Hamer, of Buchanan precinct, reports that a number of settlers are pulling out of that section.

A. G. Tyler, of Paxton, assistant sergeant-at-arms at Lincoln, passed through to-day on his way home.

—David Artlip, of Somerset, says destitution is not great in his neighborhood. Stock looks well and is in good condition.

—The Cody Guards indulged in a prize shoot this afternoon for the company medal now held by John Davis. Some startling scores may be expected.

—Several new subscribers to the local telegraph exchange have been recently made and we may expect North Platte to develop a large number of embryo Edisons.

—Now that the city is again using the electric fire alarm system it is a question whether North Platte cannot be mulcted into paying more than the original annual contract price.

—These pleasant days the North Platte amateur gardener's thoughts now lightly turn to the subject of what is the most desirable crop for him to cultivate during his leisure moments next season.

—This being Washington's birthday the U. P. shops, the banks and a majority of the business houses are closed. Flags are floating from many buildings in evidence of the people's reverence for the "father of his country."

—Word from Omaha is to the effect that Alex. Adams is in an unconscious condition at the U. P. hospital in that city and is not expected to live. His sister, Mrs. Edwards, went to Omaha yesterday.

—Henry Sudman, who resides six miles northeast of Paxton, gave us a pleasant call Monday. He has nearly 700 acres of land lying under the Conway-Hunter ditch, and feels very jubilant over the apparent prospects for his part of the county. He thinks that every one living below the ditch will farm by irrigation hereafter.—Ogallala News.

—Since his appointment as pastor of Ogallala charge, last October, Rev. D. W. Crane has enrolled one hundred and eleven persons, increasing the membership from sixty-three to one hundred and seventy-four. This advances the Ogallala Methodist church from twelfth to second position in the North Platte district. From the present indications, this will be the strongest congregation in the district by the time conference convenes next September.—Keith County News.

## PURELY PERSONAL.

Mrs. V. E. Meyer went east on No. 4 yesterday.

George White, of Sutherland, was in town Wednesday.

Rev. Leonard returned home yesterday from a trip in the east.

P. F. Dolan and Wm. Plumer, of Maxwell, were in town Wednesday.

Dr. N. F. Donaldson returned yesterday from a business trip to Omaha.

H. E. Curtis left for Illinois Wednesday, accompanying a carload of household goods.

E. F. Seeberger left yesterday afternoon for Illif, Colo., to look after the irrigation ditch at that point.

John Hinman returned Wednesday from a brief visit in Fremont.

His daughter Maud will remain there indefinitely.

Miss Irma Cody, a daughter of Frank Frederici, and Mrs. Frank Murray left this morning en route for a visit in Denver.

Miss Alcie Mendenhall left for St. Louis yesterday morning, where she will enter the millinery department of a wholesale house.

Henry J. Page, of Denver, secretary of the North Platte Land and Water Co., transacted business in town the early part of the week.

C. W. Burkland, one of the enterprising farmers south of Sutherland was in town on business Wednesday and made this office a pleasant call.

L. A. Fort returned Wednesday from Lincoln where he had been for several days working in the interest of the irrigation bills before the legislature.

## RAILWAY RESUME.

Frank Tracy "broke in" the 841 for service yesterday. He says she is a "war horse."

The 1205 was in the round-house this week receiving some light running repairs.

Wm. Smallwood is figuring on some changes in the air-brake department which will give him a great deal more room.

Engine 1815 passed through the city to-day en route to the Wyoming division. She had just received an overhauling at the Omaha shops.

With the Saturdays, Sundays and legal holiday taken out of the time for this month the checks for the shop men next pay day will be remarkable for their lightness.

Train men report that Wednesday afternoon of this week was nearly as bad a day on the road between Grand Island and Kearney as was its predecessor a fortnight before.

The 697 was coupled on to the round-house yesterday but did not succeed in making a very "fly run" therewith, probably for the reason she did not know which way she was headed.

The Baskins brothers are expected back about the 1st inst. from their extended trip to Pennsylvania, the land of maple syrup and the genuine buckwheat cake.

Since the recent wreck at Chap-pell, and during the cold weather, night track walking has been a very ordinary pursuit on the Union Pacific. The late Manitoba weather was rough on steel and was very conducive to broken rails.

Business on the road is now improving slightly and Tuesday there were six freight trains out for the west. It will probably continue to improve somewhat as the Union Pacific is no longer being "boy-cotted" by rival lines, but is once more within the western traffic association.

At the B. of L. E. meeting Wednesday night it was decided not to omit the thirteenth annual ball of this division on account of its being an unlucky number, or because of dull times; hence the same committee who had the affair in hand last year was reappointed to take charge of the arrangements for the next annual May party.

Geo. Vroman has been having one continual round of pleasure these nights on train No. 3 while the 841 is being put in shape for that train. He said to Frank Tracy the other day: "I say, you can have that run any time you are ready for it, I say!" However, beginning yesterday the Denver sleeper on that train has been discontinued, and Frank says the 841 will now be able to make a flying switch of the train.

## JUMP AT THIS! SOMEBODY!



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## Hinton on Irrigation.

Richard J. Hinton, member of the American Society of Irrigation Engineers, writes to the New York Tribune as follows: Having been in charge for several years of the United States Irrigation Inquiry, Department of Agriculture—though I am pleased to remark, not for one day under the sapient stupidity of that citizen of Nebraska who, unfortunately for the arid west, is now rattling around in the secretaryship of agriculture—I may perhaps be allowed a brief space to comment on the problem of drought and reclamation upon the great plains, and in Western Nebraska especially.

The ordinary rainfall necessary for agriculture is about twenty-eight inches per annum. Under no circumstances does western Nebraska score more than twenty-three. I mean the region west of the ninety-eighth degree of longitude. It is more usually not over eighteen, and runs down to fifteen inches as the eastern border of Wyoming is reached, the average being about seventeen inches. Yet it has been very difficult to make the people of Nebraska, until quite recently, see the need of artificial storage and distribution of water, if their arable lands were to be successfully tilled. In one-third of the drought-stricken section the storage of six inches of water, so that the same may be distributed at the season when most necessary, will be sufficient to insure crops. In all such sections irrigation is practically an insurance. The nature of the soils and strata, with their topographical trend and diversity of surface, will insure that over that one-third irrigation may be achieved from farm and small, as well as inexpensive, storage reservoirs, as well as through a supply obtainable by wells. Nebraska farmers, like some others in Kansas and the Dakotas, have been hide-bound in old ways, and very slow to apprehend that they had the means at hand at little cost to insure their crops. They have been in the past more interested in enlarging their area of land-owning than in making secure, by water-storage and more intensive cultivation, the value of that which they had in possession. After all, however, an extended utilization of the abundant river and drainage supply of western Nebraska will be ultimately the one mastering security of the region.

Western Nebraska has water sufficient by its precipitation and that supply which comes from the mountains also. The two Platte, the Niobrara, the Loup and other streams carry in their open channels

at different portions of the year, and at all other times in the detritus of the same below the surface, a sufficient amount of water to turn western Nebraska from the danger of drought into a smiling stretch of fruitful fields and orchards, producing in the average under irrigation four times as much as similar soils will produce in sections having an abundant humidity. There is water sufficient in any year, but the question at issue is how to get it.

If grain stored by the state relief commission near Lincoln is being stolen, as reported, the authorities ought to spare no efforts to detect and run down the thieves. This grain in reality belongs to the destitute drought sufferers, for whose benefit it was contributed. Stealing it is like stealing the bread out of a starving man's mouth, and on that account is all the more reprehensible. Any one guilty of theft under such circumstances deserves the fullest penalty of the law.—Bee.

—S. N. Wolbach has a plan for the relief of Nebraska farmers in regard to seed and feed, that seems to be entirely practical. He suggested that a circular signed by the business men of Nebraska be sent to the various wholesalers and jobbers of the east, asking them in the interests of future business to aid in putting the farmers in such a position as to seed and cultivate their usual number of acres. Mr. Wolbach feels certain that a large number of these eastern firms would gladly aid, not only from a charitable but from a business view.—Grand Island Independent.

—Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co., the leading seedsmen of France, have the following to say of sacaline: "As regards the question of fodder, the experiments made are sufficiently conclusive but we think that stock, in presence of clover, hay, lucerne or other similar and well-known forage plants, should much prefer these latter ones, and omit the leaves of the Polygonum Sachalinense. In one word, this perennial could be of great interest in a drought year when other fodder plants prove scarce, but in normal productive seasons we do not think that it will continue to prevail as a forage, without, however, preventing its remaining a fine, bold feature, planted on the turf, as an ornamental shrub."

## Advertisement Letters.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the post office at North Platte, Neb., for the week ending Feb. 22, 1895.

## GENTLEMEN.

Line, J. L. Thompson, B. W. Suter, John Williams, S. B.

## LADIES.

Cole, Mrs. Bertha Tegetmann, Mrs. C. Persons calling for above will please say "advertised." M. W. CLARK, Postmaster